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Sent: 9/3/2018 2:30:13 PM
To: Calli, Rosemary [Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov]; Zapata, Cesar [Zapata.Cesar@epa.gov]; Allenbach, Becky [Allenbach.Becky@epa.gov]; Bragan, Mary Jo [Bragan.Maryjo@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Rae: desk statement: 404 assumption (DRAFT)

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From: "Lincoln, Larry" <Lincoln.Larry@epa.gov>
Date: September 3, 2018 at 10:15:22 AM EDT
To: "Walker, Mary" <walker.mary@epa.gov>, "Gettle, Jeaneanne" <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>, "Mcgill, Thomas" <Mcgill.Thomas@epa.gov>
Cc: "Harris-Young, Dawn" <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>
Subject: Rae: desk statement: 404 assumption (DRAFT)

All,

Allison Dennis of OW contacted me on Friday regarding 404 assumption to coordinate and provide information in anticipation of Florida's filing.

Please see first draft of initial desk statement below which incorporates information OW provided to the White House along with input from WPD (lot of WH interest).

OW is discussing next steps which will likely include a press release from either HQ or the region once we complete review of the FDEP package.

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From: "Lincoln, Larry" <Lincoln.Larry@epa.gov>
Date: August 31, 2018 at 3:09:51 PM EDT
To: "Dennis, Allison" <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: desk statement: 404 assumption (DRAFT)

Allison,

Here's a first draft.

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From: Lincoln, Larry
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 11:49 AM
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From: Harris-Young, Dawn
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 9:01 AM
To: Lincoln, Larry <Lincoln.Larry@epa.gov>
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From: McGill, Thomas
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 10:39 PM
To: Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>; Bragan, Mary Jo <Bragan.Maryjo@epa.gov>
Subject: desk statement: 404 assumption

Dawn – I spoke with Jeaneanne, and she emphasized with all of the various moving pieces a parts on 404 assumption, it is not critical that we have a desk statement on 404 assumption until FDEP has submitted their package, which will not occur prior to Sep 1. In the meantime, here is some basic information regarding where we are at this time.

The Clean Water Act section 404 authorizes the Corps of Engineers to administer the permitting program for the discharges of dredge or fill material. The Clean Water Act also provides States and Tribes the ability to assume the authority to administer this

permitting program, subject to the approval by the EPA. For any State or Tribe that is interested in exploring or pursuing assumption of the 404 program, the EPA will prioritize giving technical support to such States or Tribes to develop a program consistent with federal requirements. The State of Florida has notified the EPA of their interest in pursuing 404 assumption, and accordingly EPA has been answering questions and providing information to assist the State with developing a program to be consistent with federal requirements. Upon receipt of an official submission from Florida requesting assumption of the 404 program, the EPA will review and take action on such a submission consistent with the Clean Water Act and its implementing regulations.

From: Harris-Young, Dawn
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 12:25 PM
To: McGill, Thomas <McGill.Thomas@epa.gov>
Subject: Examples - Desk statements

Attached.

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